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In re U.S. Patent Application of:

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Title: POLYACRYLAMIDE HYDROGEL
AND ITS USE AS AN
ENDOPROSTHESIS

Group Art Unit: 3738

Examiner: David J. Isabella

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references listed are also enclosed.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the references cited on the Form PTO-1449 and indicate that the references have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609.

A non-final Office Action on the merits has already been issued in the current Application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(1), Applicant states that two of the publications (Gebauer, *et al.* and Jarosova, *et al.*) listed on the Form PTO-1449 were not cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the

knowledge of the person signing this paper, after making reasonable inquiry, that these items were not known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this paper.

However, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2), Applicant encloses a check in the amount of \$180.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) with regard to the remaining two publications (US Patent No. 5,798,096 and European Patent No. 0153672 A2) listed on the Form PTO-1449 that were inadvertently omitted in previous Information Disclosure Statements.

Finally, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the references cited on the Form PTO-1449 submitted on April 11, 2002 and indicate that the references have been considered in this application by returning a copy of that Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609. The Examiner sent a copy of that Form PTO-1449 with the Office Action dated June 5, 2003 as being stamped received on April 15, 2002 but without initials.

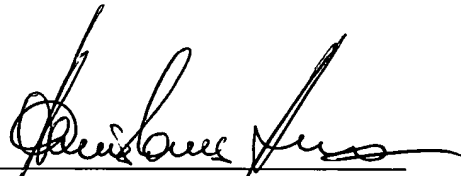
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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	1.	5798096	08-25-1998	Pavlyk			
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	2.	0153672	09-04-1985	EP		X ABSTRACT	
OTHER MATERIALS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
	3.	GEBAUER et al., Gonarthrititis due to Salmonella enteritidis in a patient with systemic lupus erythematosus, Klinische Padiatrie, (2002 Sept.-Oct.) 214 (5), 319-323, ABSTRACT					
	4.	JAROSOVA et al., Analysis of clinical and laboratory data in a group of patients with juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA) in the framework of the national register, Ceska Revmatologie, (2002) 10/2 (65/70), ABSTRACT					
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